

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting February 24, 2016
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Administration Building on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE

Bethany A. Furtado Chair
Eugene A. Nadeau Vice Chair
M. Terri Medeiros Clerk
Jennifer Ahearn
Karen Bachus

Present also: Superintendent Thornton, Anthony Ferrucci, Lynn Dambruch, Steve Ruscito, Stephen Gothberg, Robert Corrente, Attorney Aubrey Lombardo, Justin Martin

MOTION 2016-76: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to go into closed session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5(a)(1) and (a)(2).

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – Aye
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – Aye
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

Open session reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION 2016-77: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – Aye
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – Aye
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

Appointment – Director of Human Resources

Superintendent Thornton recommended Katherine Duncanson as Director of Human Resources. He said she comes from Coventry and is an outstanding candidate. (Starting on March 30th.)

MOTION 2016-78: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – Aye
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – Aye
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

Discussion/Action: Bond/Interest Resolution

The Superintendent recommended the concept of the City's proposal of paying half the cost of the additional school bonding (\$360,000 of which half \$180,000 would be paid by the City).

MOTION 2016-79: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to table this to Open Session on March 8th.

Discussion: Dr. Thornton – this proposal needs to be approved so that the City Council can take it on when they meet March 7th. Mr. Ferrucci said we need to do the application process to secure the funds so the work can be done in the summer. If action is delayed we will miss application time line. If it is delayed and not considered until April or May we wouldn't get the cash until November or December.

The work needs to be done this summer. Ms. Furtado said the City has agreed to share the incurred expenses of repayment of the principal and interest of this bond. If we do not act – we are doing a gross disservice to the students. This money will go directly to the repair of the boiler at Vets. Do not table and act on this. Dr. Thornton said the clock is ticking, the heating system at Vets will fail as it is a bad system and a real problem. Ms. Bachus noted we don't own these buildings.

Call the vote on “**Table**” Motion 2016-79:

Ayes: Nadeau and Ahearn

Nays: Furtado, Bachus, Medeiros

(2 ayes 3 nays) MOTION FAILS

Motion to accept bond resolution

MOTION 2016-80: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to approve the Bond Resolution as worked out by Superintendent, Mayor, and President of City Council.

Further discussion: the city owning the buildings; what assurances city council pay every year; this being an election year; close buildings return to the city and the value come off the bond; we need bond money released.

Move the vote on Resolution

Ayes: Furtado, Bachus, Medeiros

Nays: Nadeau and Ahearn

PASSES 3 ayes 2 nays

Contract Award – Fleet Maintenance Management System – Mr. Ferrucci requested contract to Verizon Networkfleet Solutions for a vehicle Fleet Maintenance Management System in the amount of \$8,470. System has GPS tracking, what vehicle being used for, how long it sits; fuel usage, vehicle diagnostics, roadside assistance, locksmith, etc. Mr. Gothberg, Mr. Corrente and Mr. Oliver would manage. Ms. Bachus moved denial saying this is not a good message to give our employees.

MOTION 2016-81: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, approval of recommendation [Fleet Management System].

MOTION FAILS (3 nays 2 ayes)

Ayes: Nadeau and Ahearn

Nays: Furtado, Bachus, Medeiros

MOTION 2016-82 Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – Aye
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.